

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information notifying method comprising ~~the steps~~ of:

supervising physical phenomenon of a predetermined supervision area;

when the physical phenomenon is detected by the supervising, notifying detection information indicating that the physical phenomenon is detected to each of a plurality of first external apparatuses;

determining as to whether or not users of the first external apparatuses ~~has~~ have accessed the notified detection information ~~or not~~; and

when it is determined that all of the users of the plurality of first external apparatuses ~~has~~ have not accessed the detection information, notifying the detection information to a second external apparatus; and

when it is determined that at least one of the users of the plurality of first external apparatuses has accessed the detection information, notifying to the first external apparatuses, which the others of the users use, a fact that the detection information has already been accessed.

2. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein ~~when~~ if it is determined at a time when a predetermined period has been elapsed from the notifying of the detection information to the first external apparatuses, that the users ~~has~~ have not accessed the detection information, the detection information is notified to the second external apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the detection information is notified to the first external apparatuses a predetermined number of times; and

when it is determined after the predetermined number times of ~~notification~~ the notifying, that the users ~~has~~ have not accessed the detection information, the detection information is notified to the second external apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein when the detected physical phenomenon has a particular content, the detection information is notified to the second external apparatus without waiting for the ~~determination that determining as to whether or not~~ the users of the first external apparatuses ~~has~~ have accessed the notified detection information ~~or not~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses is different from the detection information notified to the second external apparatus in content.

6. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 5, the detection information notified to the second external apparatus includes information indicating as to whether or not the users ~~has~~ have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses.

7. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving from the first external apparatuses, access completion information indicating that the users ~~has~~ have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses ~~from the first external apparatus~~; and

when the access completion information is received, determining that the users ~~has~~ have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses.

8. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the access completion information ~~in~~is an e-mail.

9. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses includes at least one of still image and moving image of the detected physical phenomenon.

10. (Original) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the information notified to the second external apparatus is a non-image.

11. (Currently Amended) An information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~step of notifying~~ comprises notifying the detection information to the first external apparatuses ~~is performed by using by an e-mail.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~step of notifying~~ comprises notifying the detection information to the first external apparatus ~~is performed by using~~ voice utilizing telephone lines.

13. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~step of notifying~~ comprises:  
notifying the detection information to the first external apparatus ~~is performed by using an~~ by e-mail; and

when it is determined that the users ~~has~~have not accessed the detection information notified ~~by using by~~ the e-mail, ~~the step of notifying~~ the detection information to the first external apparatus ~~is performed by using~~ voice utilizing telephone lines.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~ notifying to the first external apparatus that the detection information has been notified to the second external apparatus.

17. (Original) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the detection information includes information used to grasp content of the physical phenomenon.

18. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~step of determining~~ comprises determining as to whether or not the users of the first external apparatuses ~~has~~ have accessed the notified detection information ~~or not is performed~~ on a basis of information ~~indication that~~ indicating as to whether or not the first external apparatuses ~~is~~ are in a state where the first external apparatuses can receive the detection information ~~or not~~.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An information notifying apparatus comprising:  
a supervision unit adapted to supervise physical phenomenon in a predetermined supervision area;  
a first notification unit adapted to notifying detection information indicating that the physical phenomenon has been detected to each of a plurality of first external apparatuses when the physical phenomenon has been detected by the supervision unit,  
a determination unit adapted to determine as to whether users of the first external apparatuses ~~has~~ have accessed the notified detection information, ~~and~~  
a second notification unit adapted to notify the detection information to a second external apparatus when the determination unit determines that the users ~~has~~ have not accessed the notified detection information, wherein:  
when the determination determines that at least one of the users has accessed the detection information, the first notification unit notifies to the first external apparatuses,

which the others of the users use, a fact that the detection information has already been accessed.

22. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according claim 21, wherein when the determination unit determines that the users has~~have~~ not accessed the detection information at a time when a predetermined period has been elapsed ~~from notifying~~ since the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses, the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the second external apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21,

wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses a-predetermined number of times; and

when the determination unit determines after the first notification notifies the predetermined number of times of notification, that the users has~~have~~ not accessed the detection information, the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the second external apparatus.

24. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein when the detected physical phenomenon has a particular content, the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the second external apparatus without waiting that the determination unit determinates as to whether or not the users of the first external apparatuses has~~have~~ accessed the notified detection information ~~or not~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses is different from the detection information notified to the second external apparatus in content.

26. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the second notification unit notifies to the second external apparatus the detection information including information indicating as to whether or not the users ~~has~~have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatus.

27. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the determination unit receives from the first external apparatus, access completion information indicating that the users ~~has~~have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses ~~from the first external apparatus~~; and

when the determination unit receives the access completion information, the determination unit determines that the users ~~has~~have accessed the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses.

28. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the access completion information ~~is~~is an e-mail.

29. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the detection information notified to the first external apparatuses includes at least one of still image and moving image of the detected physical phenomenon.

30. (Original) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the information notified to the second external apparatus is a non-image.

31. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses by using ~~an e-mail~~.

32. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses by using ~~voice~~ utilizing telephone lines.

33. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21,

wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses by using an e-mail; and

when the determination unit determines that the users has have not accessed the detection information notified by using the e-mail, the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the first external apparatuses by using voice utilizing telephone lines.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the first notification unit notifies information indicating that the detection information has been notified to the second external apparatus, to the first external apparatuses.

37. (Original) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the detection information includes information used to grasp content of the physical phenomenon.

38. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 21, the determination unit determines as to whether or not the users of the first external apparatuses has have accessed the notified detection information ~~or not~~, on a basis of information ~~indication that~~ indicating as to whether or not the first external apparatuses is are in a state where the first external apparatuses can receive the detection information ~~or not~~.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Canceled)

41. (New) An information notifying method comprising:

supervising physical phenomenon of a predetermined supervision area;

when the physical phenomenon is detected by the supervising, notifying detection information indicating that the physical phenomenon is detected to each of a plurality of first external apparatuses;

determining as to whether or not users of the first external apparatuses have accessed the notified detection information; and

when it is determined that all of the users of the plurality of first external apparatuses have not accessed the detection information, notifying the detection information to a second external apparatus, wherein:

the plurality of first external apparatuses are portable terminals, respectively; and

the notifying to the first external apparatuses comprises notifying the detection information to the plurality of first external apparatuses while giving priority to a portable terminal closest to the supervision area based on location information of each portable terminal, the location information detected by using location detection function of each portable terminal.

42. (New) An information notifying apparatus comprising:

a supervision unit adapted to supervise physical phenomenon in a predetermined supervision area;

a first notification unit adapted to notify detection information indicating that the physical phenomenon has been detected to each of a plurality of first external apparatuses when the physical phenomenon has been detected by the supervision unit,

a determination unit adapted to determine as to whether users of the first external apparatuses have accessed the notified detection information, and



a second notification unit adapted to notify the detection information to a second external apparatus when the determination unit determines that the users have not accessed the notified detection information, wherein:

the plurality of first external apparatuses are portable terminals, respectively;

and

the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the plurality of first external apparatuses while giving priority to a portable terminal closest to the supervision area based on location information of each portable terminal, the location information detected by using location detection function of each portable terminal.